

"I'd drive a thousand miles just to learn how to conserve gas and help save the environment. But that's just who I am. I'm a thoughtful guy. " ~Jared Kintz

Meeting called to order in the BOS Meeting Room at the Milford Town Hall at 7:00

Present:

Members: Audrey Fraizer, Chair; Kim Rimalover, V. Chair; Andy Hughes, Becky Lorette, Hub Seward, Janet Urghart
Alternate members: Chris Costantino and Andy Seale.

Guests: Vita Cooper, Vivian Curtis; Brenda Santiago; Tucker Brook T.F. Abutters: Mike Sebas, Bill Burdett, Joe Micozzi, Therese Muller, J Bokhan,

Minutes: January 2013 minutes were accepted on a motion by A Hughes, seconded by K Rimalover.

Appointment: Vita Cooper, 148 Colburn Rd, would like to build a house on an existing foundation located near the quarry on her property. She will continue to use the existing driveway. She was looking for advice concerning a special exception that she was told she might need, due to the proximity of the house to open water. Audrey told her that quarries are non-jurisdictional unless there is a wetland developing in it. The property did have a wetland delineation done in the past. There were no wetlands near the quarry. Because of this and her photos, Chris will write a memo to the Planning Board informing them that there is no need for a special exception for a wetlands buffer impact.

Discussion Items

1. Expo 2013
 - a. Members took vendor and sponsor packets to distribute.
 - b. Chris will contact the library to see if their bear rehabilitation program could be done at the Expo rather than the library. Also she will determine what is covered by "his expenses" and does he bring a bear.
2. Warrant Article
 - a. Chris, Kim and Murphy, and others as they can, will be present March 12 at Voting Day in support of our warrant article. Chris will bring the display board.
 - b. Andy H will write a letter to the Editor in support of the warrant article
3. Budget – quick run through of the budget and the different funds
4. Tucker Brook Town Forest Timber Harvest – Dan Reed has completed the timber marking. He submitted a Timber Sale Prospectus for review. The commission will schedule a date to walk the timber sale with Dan. This walk will be publicized.
 - a. Several abutters were present to express their concerns:
 - i. Number of trees marked looks like a clear cut
 - ii. The skid trail should be moved out of the narrow section where it is currently located
 - iii. What is the purpose of the timber harvest – looks as if we are trying to maximize our profit
 - b. Audrey reiterated the Commission's position that this timber harvest is for the benefit of the forest to create more plant diversity which will support a more diverse wildlife population. We are going to use the whole tree harvest method to reduce the amount of residual slash.
5. 4th Saturday Hike – went well under the expert leadership of Janet and Rodney Dellafelice. There were a dozen hikers and several dogs. Andy H will lead the February Hike at Hitchiner TF, which will also include the trails at Beaver Brook/Burns. The March hike will be at the rail trail.
6. Ben Kilham, Bear Rehabilitator. The Commission was asked to cosponsor a program, given by Ben Kilham, with the library. The library has received a grant from Faye Richey, but was looking for additional funding from the commission. The program costs \$250.00 plus expenses. The commission wanted to know what "expenses" entailed. Would the library consider having the program at the Expo? Is this the same presenter that Audrey heard at Beaver Brook? Chris will find answers to the questions.
7. Protected Lands map – the members looked at the current version of the PL map. There were some suggestions to further simplify: combine the colors of town land and town park, using "P" to indicate the difference; combine open space and easement, using "E" or "OS" to indicate the difference; use same blue for all surface waters; remove parcel from the legend; and other corrections. Chris will pass this along to Rita Johnson, Town GIS Technician.
8. Pratt Easement – corrections and changes were suggested by the members.
9. ADA Trail Policy – corrections and changes were suggested by the members. Chris will send the draft to Janet Zeller, USFS, for her review and comments.

10. Complaint received for Map 8 Lot 89. This property does not abut town land, so there is no further action for the commission to take.
11. Hub attended a meeting held by the Brox Environmental Citizens group. He was the only person to attend. He was given 3 copies of the Audubon Biologist's report of her visit to Brox in November.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15

"Here is your country. Cherish these natural wonders, cherish the natural resources, cherish the history and romance as a sacred heritage, for your children and your children's children. Do not let selfish men or greedy interests skin your country of its beauty, its riches or its romance." — Theodore Roosevelt